



REGULAR MEETING of the TOURISM COMMISSION BOARD

**November 13, 2024, at 2:30 pm
City Hall Chambers Room 1001
301 W. Second St
Austin, Texas 78701**

**Some members of the Tourism Commission Board may be participating by
videoconference. The meeting may be viewed online at:**

<http://www.austintexas.gov/page/watch-atxn-live>

Public comment will be allowed in-person or remotely via telephone. Speakers may only register to speak on an item once either in-person or remotely and will be allowed up to three minutes to provide their comments. Registration no later than noon the day before the meeting is required for remote participation by telephone. To register to speak remotely, call or email Felicia Ojeda, 512.404.4022 or felicia.ojeda@austintexas.gov

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS/COMMISSIONERS:

*Daniel Ronan, Chair, D9
Aileen Bazan, D1
Christian Tschoepe, D3
Bishop Chappell, D6
Stefani Mathis, D8
Anna Panossian, Mayoral*

*Ed Bailey, Vice Chair, D5
Greg Chanon, D2
Allison Moujaes, D4
John Riedie, D7
District 10 (vacant)*

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

The first 10 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Tourism Commission Board Regular Meeting on October 9, 2024.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing from Staff Liaison, Felicia Ojeda, regarding the vacancy and newly appointed members on the board and updates on city policy for commissions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Presentation by Katie Edwards, Executive Director of the Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum regarding the Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum, and its tourism impact & future.
4. Presentation by Cara Bertron, Program Manager of the City of Austin- Planning Department, regarding a follow-up regarding the Equity-Based Preservation Plan & its connection to tourism.
5. Presentation by Stephanie Helfman, Manager, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention Program, Austin Public Health Department regarding the impacts of vaping and e-cigarettes in public spaces impacting tourism.
6. Presentation by Alec Puente, Government Relations Director, Texas, American Heart Association, regarding the impacts of vaping and e-cigarettes in public spaces impacting Tourism.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

7. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Austin City Council to adopt the Equity-Based Preservation Plan.
8. Approve the 2025 calendar for the Tourism Commission Board.

WORKING GROUP/COMMITTEE UPDATES

9. Update from the Short-Term Rental Working Group on any new reports regarding the STR's new focus and efforts for recommendations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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For more information on the [Tourism Commission Board](#), please contact [Felicia Ojeda](mailto:felicia.ojeda@austintexas.gov) at 512.404.4022 or felicia.ojeda@austintexas.gov.

The next Tourism Commission meeting will be on December 11, 2024, in City Hall Chambers Room 1001 at 2:30pm.